1	2	3	4	5
4.	Dhauliganga Trans. System (PGCIL)	182.13	161.42	Works completed & transmission line commissioned in July, 2005.
5.	Koteshwar Trans. System (PGCIL)	260.30	0.29	Active work is yet to com-mence. The line is scheduled for commissioning by March, 2008.
6.	System Strengthening Scheme in Uttaranchal	76.42	5.71	The scheme is under implementation and likely to be completed by 2006-07.

(d) In the Tehri Hydro Development Corporation (THDC) projects, about 1590 local people have been employed by the project authorities.

Shortage of coal in thermal power plants

1601. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are grave shortage of coal and many thermal power plants are facing acute shortage of coal in the country since last three months;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto; and

(c) the details of measures taken or proposed to be taken for providing required coal to the power plants?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) There was no grave shortage of coal during the last three months and no generation loss has been reported by any thermal power station in the country due to shortage of coal.

(c) Following steps have been taken by the Government for augmenting supply of coal to the power plants in the country:

- The coal supply position of thermal power stations is vigorously monitored in the Central Electricity Authority and Ministry of Power on daily basis.

- The Infrastructure Coordination Committee, reviews the coal production and supply to thermal power stations in the country every month.
- A sub-group headed by the Joint Secretary in the Department of Coal, every week reviews and resolves the problems of coal supply to thermal power stations.
- Coal is being imported to supplement the augment supplies from indigenous sources.
- New coal blocks are being allocated by the Ministry of Coal to power producers/utilities for captive mining.
- Streamlined procedure by Ministry of Environment & Forests to expedite the environmental/forest clearances to pending coal mining projects.

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has been requested for augmentation of production of natural gas from the gas fields/wells, increasing availability of gas from domestic sources, encouraging import of gas.

Setting up a coal based power station at Mauda, Nagpur

1602. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation has proposed the setting up a 1000 MW coal based power station at Mauda, Nagpur;

(b) whether despite repeated requests from Government of Maharashtra and directions by Government, NTPC has failed to prepare and submit a feasibility report since 2003;

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in preparation of a feasibility report; and

(d) the steps being taken to expedite the project?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) In the course of identification of power projects for National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. (NTPC) capacity addition programme, a site near Mauda was identified in May, 2001 as one of the prospective sites in Nagpur district of Maharashtra. The work for various site-specific studies was